



Healthy People 2010

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MESSAGE FROM THE ODPHP DIRECTOR

The support received from our stakeholders over the past months as we move to implement and achieve the *Healthy People 2010* goals and objectives has been rewarding. With your valuable input we have been able to develop and put into motion a variety of activities aimed at improving communication with you, helping you meet challenges you face in carrying out your Healthy People efforts, and identifying new opportunities for collaboration.

As the summer winds down, we are looking forward to several important events planned for the coming months. We will host a meeting of the various nongovernmental organizations and Federal agencies that have entered into *Healthy People 2010* strategic partnerships; a meeting which will, for the first time, bring together the Healthy People coordinators from each state and territory in a special networking and information sharing session; and a large Healthy People Summit designed to share best practices with community-based organizations.

Again, I thank you for your continued support and dedication to *Healthy People 2010* and encourage you to take advantage of this report to share your Healthy People news.

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Steering Committee

During its May 2002 meeting, the Healthy People Steering Committee agreed that National Center for Health Statistics should convene a meeting of representatives named by the Steering Committee to discuss issues related to measuring progress toward achieving the *Healthy People 2010* goal to eliminate disparities in health. The group will report its recommendations for measuring health disparities at a future meeting of the Steering Committee.

Academy of General Dentistry Partners with HHS to Promote Oral Health Objectives

The Academy of General Dentistry (AGD) and HHS have joined forces to promote access to preventive oral health services and eliminate oral health disparities. In a memorandum of understanding (MOU), five HHS agencies and AGD pledged to speed progress toward national objectives set by *Healthy People 2010*. The partnership commits the agencies to work with AGD over the next two years to improve access to oral health care, train the dental workforce, and provide public education.

"We are looking forward to working with the AGD to achieve the important *Healthy People 2010* goals to prevent oral diseases, especially in rural and minority populations," said HHS Assistant Secretary for Health Eve E. Slater, M.D., F.A.C.C., in signing the MOU.

The HHS agencies signing the MOU include the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Health Resources and Services Administration, Indian Health Service, National Institutes of Health, and ODPHP. AGD is a non-profit organization of 37,000 general dentists whose mission is to serve the interests of general dentists and foster their continued proficiency through continuing education.

HP2010 Partnership Meeting

The organizations that have entered into or have passed resolutions in support of strategic partnerships with HHS agencies based on *Healthy People 2010* will meet on September 23, 2002. They will share and build on each other's experiences in carrying out the *Healthy People 2010* goals and objectives and the Leading Health Indicators at this meeting, which will be held on the National Institutes of Health campus in Bethesda, Maryland. Since the launch of *Healthy People 2010* in January 2000, *Healthy People 2010* memoranda of understanding with ODPHP and other HHS agencies have been signed by five organizations: • American Medical Association • American Heart Association • American Stroke Association • National Recreation and Parks Association • Academy of General Dentistry.

Other organizations have passed resolutions indicating their commitment to making *Healthy People 2010* and the Leading Health Indicators a priority for their activities and constituencies. These groups are: • American Academy of Pediatrics • American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons • American Association of Dental Research • American Association of Poison Control Centers • American Optometric Association • Kaiser Family Foundation • Rosalynn Carter Institute • Society of Academic Emergency Medicine. For information about Healthy People MOUs, contact Emmeline Ochiai at eochiai@osophs.dhhs.gov.

State Coordinators Meeting

The Healthy People coordinators from every state and territory have been invited to meet with their federal colleagues in Washington, DC in December 2002. The meeting, sponsored by ODPHP, marks the first time the state coordinators have been convened as a whole to interact with each other and their federal counterparts.



The purpose of the meeting is to update the state coordinators on the latest developments and activities for *Healthy People 2010* and the Leading Health Indicators, to engage them in dialogue around critical national health issues, and healthy community initiatives, and to make the regional connection with Regional Health Administrators. It also will provide a forum to learn about implementation opportunities and challenges at the state and local levels.

States are key constituents for *Healthy People 2010* implementation. Traditionally, states have used Healthy People as a framework around which to shape their disease prevention and health promotion efforts. In the 1990s, virtually all states developed *Healthy People 2000* state action plans, and, in this decade, nearly 30 states already have released their *Healthy People 2010* plans.

For more information about the state coordinators, contact Matthew Guidry at 202-401-7780 or mguidry@osophs.dhhs.gov. For a complete listing of the state Healthy People contacts, go to <http://www.health.gov/healthypeople/contact/statecontact.htm>.

Healthy People Summit

"It All Adds Up . . . to Prevention" is the theme of the Healthy People Summit slated for April 15 and 16, 2003 in Baltimore, Maryland. The summit will highlight promising practices in the promotion of *Healthy People 2010* goals from community and state programs, nongovernmental organizations, and the workplace and other settings.

Summit attendees will include Healthy People partners, Consortium members, Healthy People coordinators, focus area workgroup members, representatives from national membership organizations and community programs, health professionals and providers, policymakers, health educators, and others interested in the prevention of disease and the promotion of health.

For more information about the Healthy People Summit, which will be held at the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront, contact Nancy Stanisic at 202-260-3601 or nstanisic@osophs.dhhs.gov.

Healthy People Consortium

The Healthy People Consortium has gained five new members over the past several months. They are: American Association of Poison Control Centers, International Bottled Water Association, CityMatch, National Depressive and Manic-Depressive Association, and Community-Campus Partnerships for Health. The Healthy People Consortium is an alliance of more than 600 national membership organizations and state agencies committed to supporting the Healthy People goals and objectives. For more information about the Consortium, contact Nancy Stanisic, ODPHP Healthy People Consortium Coordinator, at 202-260-3601 or nstanisic@osophs.dhhs.gov.

Focus Area Progress Reviews

Focus Area 2. Arthritis, Osteoporosis, and Chronic Back Conditions will be the topic of the second *Healthy People 2010* focus area progress review, scheduled for September 18, 2002. The progress reviews for Focus Area 3. Cancer and Focus Area 4. Chronic Kidney Diseases will follow on October 16, 2002

and November 20, 2002, respectively. The progress reviews--chaired by Assistant Secretary for Health Eve E. Slater, M.D., F.A.C.C.--provide a venue for federal agencies to report on progress toward achieving the *Healthy People 2010* goals and objectives. These sessions provide the opportunity for discussion about implementation challenges, barriers, strategies, and best practices.

A summary and materials from the June 4, 2002 progress review on Focus Area 1. Access to Quality Health Services are available on-line at ODPHP's Healthy People Web site at <http://www.health.gov/healthypeople> and the National Center for Health Statistics Web site at <http://cdc.gov/nchs/about/otheract/hp2010/FA1/atqhs.htm>. For more information about *Healthy People 2010* progress reviews, contact Carter Blakey at 202-205-2317 or cblakey@osophs.dhhs.gov.

Regional/State/Local Activities

The HHS Region VIII -- which encompasses Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming -- is working with the American Indian Higher Education Consortium to develop a nursing curriculum that includes *Healthy People 2010* objectives and the Leading Health Indicators. The curriculum is intended for use in selected tribal college schools of nursing to enhance students' understanding of public health and prevention activities. Special focus will be given to objectives related to women's reproductive health, family planning, and the elimination of health disparities. For more information contact: Jane Wilson, 303-844-7859, jwilson@hrsa.gov; Lorenzo Olivas, 303-844-7858, lolivas@hrsa.gov; Laurie Konsella, 303-844-7854, lkonsella@hrsa.gov; or Jill Leslie, 303-844-7856, jleslie@hrsa.gov.

With the release of its *Healthy Wyoming 2010* plan, Wyoming joined the growing ranks of states that have developed state action plans using *Healthy People 2010* as a framework. For a complete listing of state and territorial *Healthy People 2010* plans go to the Healthy People Web site at <http://www.healthypeople.gov/implementation/>.

Arizona has launched its *Healthy Aging 2010* initiative to promote the health and quality of life for older adults in Arizona and to interface with the national *Healthy People 2010* and *Healthy Arizona 2010* agendas. The *Healthy Aging 2010* project has developed a framework for collaborative health promotion planning that can be used by communities and all local, tribal, and state agencies as they assess, plan and develop initiatives and services for older adults in Arizona.

Healthy Texans 2010: Effective Approaches to Solving Health Challenges in Special Population is the topic of a conference scheduled for November 7-9, 2002 in Irving, Texas. For more information about the meeting, which is a joint effort between the city of Irving Texas and the Texas State Office of Minority Health, visit <http://ci.irving.tx.us/healthtx/>.

Through funding from the HHS Office of Public Health and Science, the Public Health Foundation has developed a Web site on Regional *Healthy People 2010* Events and Priorities. The Web site can be found at <http://www.phf.org/HPtools/regions.htm>.



New Freedom Initiative

A number of *Healthy People 2010* objectives relate directly to and are given leverage by President Bush's New Freedom Initiative (NFI) to increase placement of people with disabilities in community-based settings, rather than in institutions, and to promote their integration into society at large. Objectives from the Focus Area 6, Disability and Secondary Conditions are particularly relevant to NFI (6-4, 6-5, 6-7, 6-9, 6-11, and 6-12). In addition, objectives from other focus areas relate to the NFI, including objectives from Focus Area 1. Access to Quality Health Services (1-1, 1-4, 1-5, 1-11, 1-13, 1-15, and 1-16). The objectives from these two Healthy People focus areas can be found at <http://www.health.gov/healthypeople/document/html/Volume1/06Disability.htm/> and <http://health.gov/healthypeople/document/html/Volume1/01Access.htm>.

Data Updates

The National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) has developed a two-day statistical workshop designed to assist State and local health staff in understanding the issues related to tracking the *Healthy People 2010* objectives. NCHS presented the workshop in Tucson, Arizona in April to a multidisciplinary audience from the U.S.-Mexico Border Health Commission. Topics covered during the workshop included: age adjustment, mortality data, life tables, State data, hospital discharge statistics, data availability on Web sites, racial and ethnic classification, variability and small area estimates, measuring health disparities, and statistical software for data analysis. For information on conducting a workshop in your area, contact Richard Klein at rklein@cdc.gov.

Tracking HP2010: Issues and Tools was the topic of a panel presentation at the National Center for Health Statistics Data Users Conference in Washington, D.C. in July. Specific issues discussed during the session were age adjustment, statistical reliability, coding changes in mortality data, and methodological and definitional changes. PowerPoint presentations on each of these topics are available on-line at <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/hphome.htm>.

Healthy People Statistical Note 24, *Healthy People Criteria for Data Suppression*, released by NCHS in July, discusses the specific criteria for data suppression used by 22 of the 23 major data systems that track the *Healthy People 2010* objectives. The report is available on-line at <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/products/pubs/pubd/hp2k/statnt/30-21.htm>.

Companion Documents and Resources

The National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD) continues its efforts to ensure that information and resources are available to the public and stakeholders to encourage and support their active participation in meeting *Healthy People 2010's* hearing objectives. NIDCD reached out to parents about the importance of getting newborn hearing screening through 168 newspaper articles in 27 states, potentially reaching at least 13 million people. More than 109,000 health information materials, directly related to the hearing objectives, have been disseminated by the NIDCD clearinghouse. NIDCD made a point to feature Healthy People-

related materials at four national conferences, in an effort to ensure awareness of the initiative among various health-related professionals. Upcoming activities to support programmatic goals for hearing health established under *Healthy People 2010* include a planning workshop with epidemiology experts to identify parameters for definitions to be used for data collection and comparison and increasing the number of Spanish-language materials.

For a listing of Healthy People 2010 companion documents and resources, visit:

<http://www.health.gov/healthypeople.gov/implementation/compdocs.htm>

Upcoming Meetings

A presentation on "Building Better Health for Women Using *Healthy People 2010*" will be included in a panel discussion at the CDC/ATSDR Conference on Women's Health in Atlanta, Georgia, October 7-9, 2002. For more information and to register for the conference, contact

The Healthy School Summit 2002 will be held October 7-8, 2002 in Washington, DC. The Healthy Schools Summit: Taking Action for Children's Nutrition and Fitness is a groundbreaking collaboration of national education and health groups taking action to improve children's health and educational performance. More information about the summit is available at 800-416-5136 or <http://www.actionforhealthykids.org>.

For more information on *Healthy People 2010* activities visit ODPHP's Healthy People Web site at <http://health.gov/healthypeople>. The most recent data for the Healthy People 2010 objectives can be found on the National Center for Health Statistics on-line database, DATA2010, at <http://wonder.cdc.gov/data2010>.

